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SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL FLYING OBJECT

NLR [BAW] USSR ON 4 OCTOBER 1955

1. Attached is a tabulation of the statements made by each member of the party relative to the unidentified flying object sighted by them on 4 October 1955 while on the train from [Baku] to [Tiflis].

2. The tabulation has been held for some time awaiting answers to questions by Source 3 which have just been received and incorporated in the chart.

3. From observation of the chart it is apparent that due to darkness and the short duration of the sighting, the observers were unable to distinguish sufficient details to properly describe the object.

TIME OF FLIGHT	1 1/2 hours out of Baku	1910	1910	1910
VISIBILITY	After Dark	Lights were on in train, not yet completely dark, sky was clear.	Dark but clear	Enough daylight to see a form
DURATION OF LIGHTING	- - - - -	6 - 7 seconds	90 seconds, about 5 seconds on ground	very short
ORIGIN	1 1/2 hours by rail from Baku	10 minutes by rail from ATJATI	50 - 60 miles south of Baku	10 minutes by rail from ATJATI
LOCATION IN RAIL LINE	South of rail line	South of rail line	Left of rail line	South of rail line
DISTANCE IN RAIL LINE	Not possible to estimate distance	Not possible to estimate distance	6 miles	1 - 2 miles
OTHER OBJECTS NOTED	Searchlight	Searchlight, horizon	Large airfield, steel tower, hangars, several searchlights Caspian Sea still visible	Two searchlights
SHAPE OF OBJECT	Ball	Round or square, may have had stub wings	Triangular with point to rear	Round like a partial inflated balloon
SIZE OF OBJECT	May have been small as rocket	1/3 size of searchlight visible to the left	about the size of US jet fighter	about the size of US jet fighter
DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT	Rotated slowly as it rose	Rotation not seen	made three to seven spirals	Rotated slowly

LOCATION OF  
SIGHTING

5 - 7 seconds

90 seconds, about  
5 seconds on ground

very short

CATION

1 1/2 hours by rail 10 minutes by  
from [Baku] rail from AVJATY

50 - 60 miles south  
of Baku

10 minutes by rail  
from AVJATY

LOCATION  
IN RAIL LINE

South of rail line South of rail line

Left of rail line

South of rail line

DISTANCE  
IN RAIL  
LINE

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3 miles

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OTHER OBJECTS  
OBSERVED

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Searchlight, horizon

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MOVEMENT OF  
OBJECT

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slowly as it  
rose

Rotation not seen

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seven spirals

Rotated slowly

COLOUR  
OF OBJECT

None seen

Two stationary lights  
like eyes

Three, one on each  
point of the tri-  
angle, lights were  
red and green

2 lights on top,  
lights on periphery  
that rotated

TYPE OF  
OBJECT

Not seen

Not seen

Launched like a  
missile

Not seen

State: rapidly ly at a steep angle, did not level out	ascended to alti- tude then moved horizontally	moved rapidly upward at 45°	ascended to altitude and moved horizontally
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Climbed rapidly	Not unusually high	climbed fast	faster than a jet
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Greenish- yellow	dark object	too dark to see Color	shallow
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-----	-----	high	ascended to 100 feet
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None	-----	some flame to rear	sparks or flame came out bottom as object ascended
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NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
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Did not follow Object	Did not follow the the Object.	Searchlights fol- lowed object all the way	No association of searchlights and object
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10 minutes after object disappeared	5 - 10 minutes after object dis- appeared	while still watch- ing the object	after sighting obj-
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NOTES OF SIGHTING OF OBJECT	-----	-----	No impression of Change	No Change